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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:	)	
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	:	Group Art Unit: 1745
Application No.: 09/554,794	)	
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Filed: August 14, 2000	)	
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For: ELECTRODE MATERIAL FOR	)	
ANODE OF RECHARGEABLE	:	
LITHIUM BATTERY,	)	
ELECTRODE STRUCTURAL	:	
BODY USING SAID	)	
ELECTRODE MATERIAL,	:	
RECHARGEABLE LITHIUM	)	
BATTERY USING SAID	:	
ELECTRODE STRUCTURAL	)	
BODY, PROCESS FOR	:	
PRODUCING SAID ELECTRODE	)	
STRUCTURAL BODY, AND	:	
PROCESS FOR PRODUCING	)	
SAID RECHARGEABLE	:	
LITHIUM BATTERY	)	July 14, 2004

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The listed documents were cited in an International Search Report dated December 21, 1999, which issued in the corresponding PCT application. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 5,780,181, which is cited in the International Search Report, is already of record in this case. Accordingly, this document is not listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

U.S. Patent No. 5,780,181 and EP 0 651 450 A1 are believed to be English-language counterparts of Japan 7-249409. English-language abstracts for the Japanese documents are enclosed.

#### FORMAL MATTERS

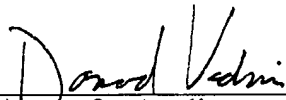
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since this Information Disclosure Statement accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), neither a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) nor payment of a fee is believed to be required.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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